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CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

OFFICE OF NATIONAL ESTIMATES

15 August 1953

MEMORANDUM FOR THE INTELLIGENCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE

SUBJECT: Soviet Bloc Air Defense Capabilities

1. On 4 August, the IAC approved a revised program for NIE's which projected for the First Quarter of 1954 an estimate of Soviet Bloc Air Defense Capabilities. (See Section IV, IAC-D-1/4, dated 5 August 1953.)

2. The Board of National Estimates has reconsidered the scheduling of this estimate and, after informal consultation with representatives of the IAC agencies, has concluded that its production should be deferred until the Third Quarter 1954:

- a. The period of the existing estimate on the subject of Soviet Air Defenses extends through calendar year 1954; the existing estimate will therefore not lapse during the period of this postponement.
- b. We have not received sufficient additional information or intelligence since the production of the existing estimate to resolve reasonably conclusively the issues giving rise to the dissents in the existing estimate.
- c. The schedule for revising the estimate can always be accelerated if continued surveillance of incoming information and intelligence brings to light data bearing importantly on the conclusions of the existing estimate.

3. Recommendation

That the IAC authorize the rescheduling of subject estimate for the Third Quarter 1954.

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4. This matter will be placed on the agenda of the IAC meeting tentatively scheduled for 10:45 Tuesday, 25 August.

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